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List of Claims:

Claim 1 (currently amended): A method for use by a first modem to establish a data communication session with a second modem, said method comprising:

- calling said second modem via a telephone line;
- starting a physical handshaking process with said second modem;
- transmitting a pseudo-randomly generated code word to said second modem during said physical handshaking process;
- receiving a scrambled code word from said second modem, wherein said scrambled code word is generated by scrambling said code word during said physical handshaking process;
- analyzing said scrambled code word during said physical handshaking process;
- determining if said second modem meets a compatibility criteria based on said analyzing during said physical handshaking process; and
- exchanging identification data with said second modem if said determining determines that said second modem meets said compatibility criteria, wherein said identification data are indicative of a manufacturer identity of said first modem and a particular modem version number of said first modem.

Claim 2 (original): The method of claim 1 wherein said identification data comprises information selected from the group consisting of a platform identifier, a controller revision, a DSP revision, and a firmware revision.

Claim 3 (cancelled)

Claim 4 (previously presented): The method of claim 1 further comprising

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completing said physical handshaking process to start said data communication session with said second modem;
optimizing said data communication session based on said compatibility criteria;
wherein said exchanging said identification data occurs after said completing said physical handshaking process.

Claim 5 (previously presented): The method of claim 1 further comprising
optimizing said data communication session based on said identification data, wherein
said exchanging said identification data occurs during said physical handshaking process.

Claim 6 (previously presented): The method of claim 1, wherein after said determining,
said method further comprising:

opening a primary data channel;
thereafter opening a second logical channel; and
transmitting diagnostic/maintenance data to said second modem using said second logical channel.

Claim 7 (original): The method of claim 6 wherein said diagnostic/maintenance data
comprises customer platform identification data.

Claim 8 (original): The method of claim 6 wherein said diagnostic/maintenance data
comprises customer code revision identification data.

Claim 9 (original): The method of claim 6 wherein said diagnostic/maintenance data
comprises modem initialization data.

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Claim 10 (original): The method of claim 6 wherein said diagnostic/maintenance data comprises a remote query by said first modem of the responses of said second modem to AT commands.

Claim 11 (previously presented): The method of claim 6 wherein said diagnostic/maintenance data comprises information regarding a status of call waiting.

Claim 12 (original): The method of claim 6 wherein said diagnostic/maintenance data comprises remote network management information.

Claim 13 (original): The method of claim 6 wherein said diagnostic/maintenance data comprises system configuration data.

Claim 14 (previously presented): The method of claim 6 wherein said transmitting said diagnostic/maintenance data further comprises:

transmitting a command to said second modem; and

receiving a response from said second modem in response to said command.

Claim 15 (original): The method of claim 6 wherein said diagnostic/maintenance data comprises firmware revision data transmitted from said first modem to said second modem.

Claim 16 (original): The method of claim 6 wherein said diagnostic/maintenance data comprises uniquely generated call identification data.

Claim 17 (original): The method of claim 16 wherein said call identification data comprises time information.

Claim 18 (previously presented): The method of claim 16 wherein said call identification data comprises information regarding the types of modems being connected.

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Claim 19 (previously presented): The method of claim 16 wherein said call identification data comprises information regarding which telephone line is being used.

Claim 20 (original): The method of claim 6 wherein said second logical channel is used simultaneously with said primary data channel.

Claim 21 (original): The method of claim 20 further comprising:
analyzing said primary data channel and said second logical channel for usage; and
prioritizing said primary data channel if both said primary data channel and said second logical channel are simultaneously used.

Claim 22 (previously presented): The method of claim 6 further comprising
transmitting said identification data on said second logical channel.

Claim 23 (previously presented): The method of claim 6 wherein the
diagnostic/maintenance data is used to optimize the data communication session.

Claim 24 (previously presented): The method of claim 6 further comprising:
sending AT commands to the second modem on the second logical channel; and
receiving a response to said AT commands from said second modem.

Claim 25 (previously presented): The method of claim 6 further comprising:
receiving AT commands from the second modem on the second logical channel; and
transmitting a response to said AT commands.

Claim 26 (previously presented): The method of claim 6 wherein said
diagnostic/maintenance data comprises a remote query to responses of said second modem to
diagnostic query commands.

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Claim 27 (previously presented): The method of claim 6 wherein said diagnostic/maintenance data comprises a random or pseudo-random number which indexes into a database uniquely or pseudo-uniquely identifying call conditions.

Claim 28 (previously presented): The method of claim 6 further comprising:
sending a query command to the second modem on said second logical channel; and
receiving a response to said query commands from said second modem.

Claim 29 (previously presented): The method of claim 6 further comprising:
receiving a query command from the second modem on said second logical channel; and
transmitting a response to said query commands to said second modem.

Claim 30 (currently amended): A modem identification method for use by a first modem, said method comprising:

- placing a call by said first modem to a second modem;
- entering a physical handshaking process;
- transmitting a first modem manufacturer parameters to said second modem during said physical handshaking process, wherein said first modem manufacture parameters ~~identifies~~ are indicative of a manufacturer identity of said first modem and a particular modem version number of said first modem;
- receiving a second modem manufacturer parameters from said second modem during said physical handshaking process, wherein said second modem manufacture parameters ~~identifies~~ are indicative of a manufacturer identity of said second modem and a particular modem version number of said second modem; and

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completing said physical handshaking process to establish a data communication session with said second modem.

Claim 31 (currently amended): The method of claim 30, wherein said first modem manufacturer parameters includes ~~is~~ a DSP revision of said first modem.

Claim 32 (currently amended): The method of claim 30, wherein said first modem manufacturer parameters includes ~~is~~ a firmware revision of said first modem.

Claim 33 (currently amended): The method of claim 30, wherein said first modem manufacturer parameters are ~~is~~ transmitted as part of V.8.

Claim 34 (currently amended): A modem identification method for use by a first modem, said first modem being in communication with a host, said method comprising:

placing a call by said first modem to a second modem;

completing a physical handshaking process to establish a data communication session with said second modem;

establishing an error correction process with said second modem, said error correction process having a primary channel, for exchanging data between said host and said second modem, and a secondary channel;

transmitting a first modem manufacturer parameters to said second modem via said secondary channel, wherein said first modem manufacture parameters identifies are indicative of a manufacturer identity of said first modem and a particular modem version number of said first modem;

receiving a second modem manufacturer parameters from said second modem via said secondary channel, wherein said second modem manufacture parameters identifies are

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indicative of a manufacturer identity of said second modem and a particular modem version number of said second modem.

Claim 35 (currently amended): The method of claim 34, wherein said first modem manufacturer parameters includes is a DSP revision of said first modem.

Claim 36 (currently amended): The method of claim 34, wherein said first modem manufacturer parameters includes is a firmware revision of said first modem.

Claim 37 (previously presented): The method of claim 34, wherein said error correction process is based on V.42 Recommendation.

Claim 38 (currently amended): A method of authenticating an identification process for use by a first modem in communication with a second modem, said method comprising:

starting a physical handshaking process with said second modem;

receiving a random code by said first modem from said second modem during said physical handshaking process;

scrambling said random code, in accordance with a predetermined scrambling process, to generate a scrambled code during said physical handshaking process;

sending said scrambled code to said second modem to confirm compatibility during said physical handshaking process;

receiving a second modem manufacturer parameters from said second modem after said sending said scrambled code, wherein said second modem manufacture parameters identifies are indicative of a manufacturer identity of said second modem and a particular modem version number of said second modem; and

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transmitting a first modem manufacturer parameters to said second modem,
wherein said first modem manufacture parameters ~~identifies~~ are indicative of a manufacturer
identity of said first modem and a particular modem version number of said first modem.

Claim 39 (cancelled)

Claim 40 (currently amended): The method of claim 38, wherein said transmitting said first modem manufacturer parameters occurs during said physical handshaking process.

Claim 41 (currently amended): The method of claim 38, wherein said transmitting said second modem manufacturer parameters occurs after completion of said physical handshaking process and establishment of a data communication session with said second modem.

Claim 42 (currently amended): The method of claim 38, wherein said first modem manufacturer parameters include ~~is~~ a firmware revision of said first modem.

Claim 43 (currently amended): The method of claim 38, wherein said first modem manufacturer parameters include is a DSP revision of said first modem.

Claim 44 (previously presented): The method of claim 38, wherein said transmitting occurs during an error correction process based on V.42 Recommendation.

Claim 45 (currently amended): A first modem capable of exchanging identification data with a second modem, said first modem comprising:

a call module capable of placing a call to a remote device;

a handshaking module capable of entering a physical handshaking process with said second modem; and

a transmitter capable of transmitting a first modem manufacturer parameters to said second modem during said physical handshaking process, wherein said first modem

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manufacture parameters ~~identifies~~ are indicative of a manufacturer identity of said first modem and a particular modem version number of said first modem;

a receiver capable of receiving a second modem manufacturer parameters from said second modem during said physical handshaking process, wherein said second modem manufacture parameters ~~identifies~~ are indicative of a manufacturer identity of said second modem and a particular modem version number of said second modem;

wherein, after said transmitter transmits said first modem manufacturer parameter to said second modem and said receiver receives said second modem manufacturer parameter from said second modem, said handshaking module completes said physical handshaking process to establish a data communication session with said second modem.

Claim 46 (currently amended): The modem of claim 45, wherein said first modem manufacturer parameters include ~~is~~ a DSP revision of said first modem.

Claim 47 (currently amended): The modem of claim 45, wherein said first modem manufacturer parameters include ~~is~~ a firmware revision of said first modem.

Claim 48 (currently amended): The modem of claim 45, wherein said first modem manufacturer parameters are ~~is~~ transmitted as part of V.8.